

REMARKS

The Office action mailed November 9, 2004 set forth a restriction requirement alleging that claims 1-8 were drawn to a first invention (a method for fabricating an interconnect structure), while claims 9-17 were drawn to a second invention (an interconnect structure). Although Applicants do not agree with this restriction requirement, to further the prosecution of this application, Applicants hereby elect claim Group II for continued prosecution, and have canceled claims 1-8, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims 1-8 in a divisional application.

All claims 9-17 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass those claims to issuance. If the Examiner believes a teleconference will expedite the examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 770-933-9500.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement. If, however, any fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted ,

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